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CHINA.

Outbreak of plague in Hongkong.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., April 11, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor by direction of the Secretary of State to inform you that a telegram has just been received from the consul-general at Hongkong announcing the presence of the plague at that place.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

CUBA.

Deaths in Cienfuegos for two weeks ended March 31, 1899.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *April 4, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report herein the causes of death, with the numbers, for this city during the two weeks ended March 31, 1899. This list was made up from the records at the office of the alcalde: Brights disease, 2; typho-malaria, 3; cerebral hemorrhage, 2; cirrhosis of liver, 2; dysentery, 8; abscess, 1; tuberculosis, 12; endopericarditis, 1; malaria, 13; diabetes mellitus, 1; enteritis, 5; purpura hemorrhagica, 1; meningitis, 2; tetanus, 1; heart disease, 8; cancer, 1; myelitis, 1; intestinal obstruction, 2; intestinal tuberculosis, 1; hydræmia, 2; rachitis, 1; puerperal fever, 1; accidental, 2; stillbirth, 1; total, 74. Total for third week in March, 38; total for last week in March, 36.

Respectfully, yours,

S. B. GRUBBS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MADAGASCAR.

Subsidence of bubonic plague in Tamatave.

[Number 38.]

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
Tamatave, February 18, 1899.

SIR: Adverting to previous correspondence on the subject of the bubonic plague at this port, I have the honor to advise you that the epidemic has about subsided, and the prospects of an early raising or suspension of the quarantine are encouraging. From January 26 to February 8 there have been only 2 deaths (natives) and 1 new case.

Respectfully, yours,

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

M. W. GIBBS,
U. S. Consul.